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SUBJ: EXTRADITION TREATY NEGOTIATIONS

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1. DURING INFORMAL CONVERSATION ON SUBJECT, FONMIN OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE TOLD EMBOFF MINISTRY IN PRINCIPLE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO BEGIN NEGOTIATION OF NEW EXTRADITION TREATY. HE ASKED FOR MATERIAL PREVIOUSLY SENT TO MINISTRY, AND EMBASSY HAS DELIVERED COPIES OF 1970 DRAFT AND SPANISH AND ENGLISH TEXTS OF US TREATIES WITH SPAIN AND ARGENTINA.

2. COMMENT: FONMIN RECORDS WERE DESTROYED OR DISTURBED DURING 1973 COUP, AND WE MAY HAVE TO START AT BEGINNING WITH CHILEANS.

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES GOC MIGHT BE SOMEWHAT MORE RECEPTIVE TO CONCLUDING NEW TREATY NOW THAN DURING ALLENDE PERIOD. THERE IS, HOWEVER, PROBLEM OF WHETHER FONMINISTRY COULD BE PREPARED FOR NEGOTIATION IN ONE OR TWO MONTHS' TIME. MINISTRY IS UNDERSTAFFED AND HAS MUCH OTHER BUSINESS GOING ON AT SAME TIME. EMBASSY WILL FOLLOW UP AFTER FONMIN OFFICIAL HAS HAD TIME TO ABSORB DOCUMENTS SENT HIM, AND WILL REPORT FURTHER ON PRACTICALITY OF PERIOD SUGGESTED.

4. EMBASSY NOTES ALSO THAT CHILEANS ARE VERY PUNCTILIOUS

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IN LEGAL MATTERS. THEY MAY WANT TO KNOW WHY THEY ARE SINGLED

OUT AMONG LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES FOR NEGOTIATION. WE CAN
ALSO EXPECT THEY MAY RAISE POINT THAT THEIR RATIFICATION OF
PROTOCOL AMENDING SINGLE CONVENTION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS
(STATE 012353), WHICH THEY TOLD US IS THEIR PLAN, WOULD
AUTOMATICALLY ADD NARCOTICS OFFENSES TO EXISTING EXTRADITION
TREATY; THEREFORE, WHY NEGOTIATE NEW TREATY?

5. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON
THESE POINTS.
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